April 28, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as the sixty (60) day notice requirement on behalf of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine's intent to sue Applebee's for violations of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 (1986). Applebee's has failed to warn consumers that it is exposing them to compound "PhIP," or 2-AMINO-1-METHYL-6-PHENYLIMIDAZO[4,5-b]PYRIDINE.

For the last several months, Applebee's has been exposing its customers to consumer product exposure of PhIP by ingestion. PhIP is listed on the Governor's List of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm, and Applebee's is therefore required to warn customers of a risk of exposure. The following products on your menu have been laboratory tested and proven to contain high levels of PhIP:

Location	Product Sampled	Code
Applebee's Alhambra store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	9.03
21 E. Main St.		
Alhambra, CA 91801		
Applebee's Alhambra store	Honey Grilled Chicken	10.0
21 E. Main St.		
Alhambra, CA 91801		
Applebee's Montebello store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	10.4
1493 N. Montebello Blvd.		
Montebello, CA 90640		
Applebee's Montebello store	Honey Grilled Chicken	6.96
1493 N. Montebello Blvd.		
Montebello, CA 90640		
Applebee's Natomas store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	3.04
3601 Truxel Rd. Sacramento, CA 95833		
Applebee's Natomas store	Honey Grilled Chicken	4.42
3601 Truxel Rd. Sacramento, CA 95833		
Applebee's Roseville store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	11.6
6700 Stanford Ranch Road		
Sacramento, CA 95678		
Applebee's Roseville store	Honey Grilled Chicken	20.0
6700 Stanford Ranch Road		
Sacramento, CA 95678		
Applebee's San Marcos store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	0.73
573 Grand Ave.		
San Marcos, CA 92069		

Applebee's San Marcos store	Honey Grilled Chicken	17.7
573 Grand Ave.		
San Marcos, CA 92069		
Applebee's Oceanside store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	2.06
2146 Vista Way Oceanside, CA 92054		
Applebee's Oceanside store	Honey Grilled Chicken	5.84
2146 Vista Way Oceanside, CA 92054		
Applebee's Union City store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	0.27
30980 Dyer St.	·	
Union City, CA 95487		
Applebee's Union City store	Honey Grilled Chicken	0.31
30980 Dyer St.		
Union City, CA 95487		
Applebee's Fremont store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	10.3
39139 Farwell Dr. Fremont, CA 94538		
Applebee's Fremont store	Honey Grilled Chicken	10.9
39139 Farwell Dr. Fremont, CA 94538		
Applebee's Milpitas store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	7.23
84 Ranch Drive Milpitas, CA 95035		
Applebee's Milpitas store	Honey Grilled Chicken	5.07
84 Ranch Drive Milpitas, CA 95035		
Applebee's Saratoga store	Grilled Italian Chicken Caesar Salad	10.8
555 Saratoga Ave.		
San Jose, CA 95129		
Applebee's Saratoga store	Honey Grilled Chicken	5.77
555 Saratoga Ave.		_
San Jose, CA 95129		

In accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, section 12903, I am enclosing a Certificate of Merit outlining, the basis of our complaint and a Summary of Proposition 65.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Kinburn, Esq.

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cc:

Office of the Attorney General of the State of California

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Daniel Kinburn, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

(5) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: /////

(Signature)